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§6–101.

- (a) Alcoholic beverages and other contraband kept, possessed, used, sold, manufactured, stored, or transported in violation of this article:
  - (1) are subject to seizure and forfeiture; and
- (2) when seized, may be recovered or disposed of only as provided in this subtitle.
  - (b) Property is forfeited if it:
- (1) was seized as contraband in the possession or control of a defendant who is found guilty of violating this article; or
  - (2) is otherwise found to be contraband or in violation of this article.
- (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, property is forfeited if it:
- (i) is seized as contraband and remains unclaimed for 30 days after seizure; and
  - (ii) has not been destroyed in accordance with this subtitle.
- (2) (i) A vehicle, a vessel, or an aircraft that is seized as contraband is forfeited unless a protest is filed within 30 days after the publication under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph.
  - (ii) The Comptroller or the Commission, as appropriate:
- 1. if possible, shall notify the registered owner of the property of the seizure; and
  - 2. shall publish a notice:
- A. in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft was seized; and

B. informing interested persons of the seizure and the right to file a protest.

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